MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know to what extent it is permitted?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: I am not in a position to answer that just now.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether Government have ascertained to what extent there is over-crowding in buses run by private agencies?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: I understand that the Inspector-General has made certain arrangements with regard to that matter.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether any report from the Inspector General has reached Government?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: An announcement was made in this House some time back.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: My question was not whether any announcement was made. Even if one has been made, I cannot remember it. May I know whether any report from the Inspector General has reached Government?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No such reports, Sir.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Does the Honourable member suggest that there are no cases charged for overloading?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The Government are not aware.

Village Panchayat Courts, Alwaye and Parur.

66. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cases filed during the years 1118, 1119 and 1120 respectively in the Village Panchayat Courts at Alwaye and Parur with the number of decided cases for which appeals have been preferred to the District Court from each of the above courts in the above years with the results of appeal (dismissed and upheld)?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: A * statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Kothamangalam-Nedukani-Peruvinnoor road.

67. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long is it since the Kothamangalam-Nedukani-Peruvinnoor road was surveyed and taken up by Government for construction;

(*b*) how many miles of that road have so far been completed;

(*c*) whether regular maintenance is carried on over the portion completed; and

(*d*) how many miles remain to be constructed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Surveyed in 1102 M. E. and work taken up for execution in 1106 M. E.

(*b*) 4 miles.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Nearly 5 miles.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether any repair was made to that road this year?

* *Vide* Appendix II.

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how much of the amount sanctioned for that road was spent this year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Annual repairs are within the purview of the Executive Engineer. A special amount of Rs. 5,000 has been sanctioned this year for the purpose.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the Chief Engineer inspected the site this year or last year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No, Sir.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know why the balance portion of the road is not maintained?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It had been given up for a long time. It took about 10 or 11 years to bring it back to life again.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: So shall I take it, these four miles of the road were constructed within a period of seventeen years?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is an old road which had been abandoned. It came up somewhere about 1111 M. E. A repair was made then, and subsequently it is being given annual maintenance. Last year the road was found to be in a very bad condition, so an estimate was prepared and work is in progress.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the member believe me if I say that not a single rupee was spent on that road this year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: But there was a report to the effect that repairs have been made.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Was it without making an enquiry that the Honourable member stated that repairs are being made?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: My reply was based on the report.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: It is given in the answer that the road was 'surveyed in 1102 M. E. and work taken up in 1106 M. E.' Why was so much time taken?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am unable to go into past history.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether he has called for an explanation from those who were responsible for the delay?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: None of those responsible is in service.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether he made any enquiries as to the delay?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: From the file it appears that there was a lot of opposition from the people in surrendering the sites for the roads. Later on, however, the lands were acquired.

Perunchani and Vizhinjom Harbour Schemes

68. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the expense incurred till 1-11-1121 in connection with—

(i) the Perunchani Scheme;

(ii) the Vizhinjom Harbour Scheme; and

(*b*) why there is delay in carrying out those schemes?

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